

Rain and cooler tonight.
Tuesday clearing and much cooler. High northwesterly winds tonight.

CORTLEYOU GREETES WHITE PLAGUE FOES IN WORLD CONGRESS

Ovation Given Dr. Koch by Assembled Scientists.

RESPONDS FOR GERMANY

Forty-Five Hundred Distinguished Experts Gathered Together.

MANY UNIFORMS AND ORDERS

Foreign Delegates Reply to Welcome Given—Address by Commissioner Macfarland.

A remarkable educational campaign was formally inaugurated here today.

It was humanity's crusade against a most deadly foe—the white plague.

The occasion was the official opening of the sixth triennial international congress on tuberculosis.

A more distinguished gathering perhaps has never before met in the National capital.

Scientists of international fame, members of the diplomatic corps, philanthropists and representatives of practically every civilized nation were present.

The day was marked by simple, but unique ceremonies. Preliminary to the formal opening



Secretary Cortleyou.

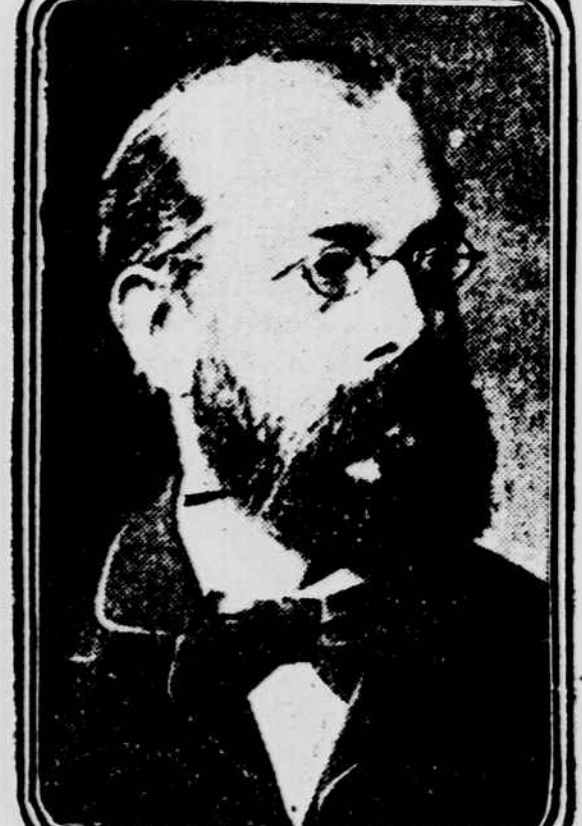
the diplomatic corps, the spokesmen of the various countries, the officers of the congress, the honorary presidents and the section presidents met and proceeded to the stage in the great auditorium.

There Secretary of the Treasury Cortleyou, presiding officer, and as personal representative of the President of the United States, extended official welcome on behalf of the government.

A welcome to the National capital was extended by District Commissioner Macfarland, followed by brief responses by the representatives of about thirty foreign countries.

"For humanity's sake," physicians and surgeons from the four corners of the earth and every state in the Union were participants today in the opening session of the international tuberculosis congress.

These learned men have combined for the most worthy of purposes—the amelioration of human suffering. They are counseling together that they may better battle



Dr. Robert Koch.

with the greatest menace to the race of man, tuberculosis.

Their discussions and their papers are all leveled at the grim destroyer known familiarly as "the great white plague."

In the congress are scientists from Norway and other countries in the frozen north; surgeons from sunny Spain and France; physicians from old England and her companion isles—Scotland and Ireland; doctors from the land of the German kaiser, and others from the vast do-

STEWART GETS PLUM

Becomes Second Assistant Postmaster General.

PROMOTED FROM RANKS

Was Chief of Railway Mail Adjustment Division.

HE IS A NATIVE OF KANSAS

In Announcing Appointment Postmaster General Says He Is Recognizing Faithful Service.

Joseph Stewart, who has been chief of the railway mail adjustment division of the Post Office Department, was today appointed second assistant postmaster general.

The Postmaster General, in making the announcement, said he followed the policy pursued in the case of the appointment of Charles P. Grandfield as first assistant postmaster general, and Edward M. Morgan as postmaster at New York city, namely, that of recognizing long and faithful service.

Mr. Stewart, the new second assistant postmaster general, is a native of Kansas, about forty-nine years of age, and at present a legal resident of Kansas City, Mo.

He was educated in the public schools of his native state and the Lawrence, Kan., Business College. He received the degree of bachelor of laws at Columbian, now George Washington University, in 1884, and the degree of master of laws in 1885.

Comes From Kansas.

He was originally appointed in the civil service from Kansas as a clerk in the office of the first assistant postmaster general, August 11, 1882. He was transferred to the office of the second assistant postmaster general at the same salary August 23, 1882. He was promoted to \$1,200 March 14, 1883; to \$1,400 August 13, 1886, and resigned April 5, 1887.

He was appointed to a \$1,000 clerkship in the War Department on certification from the civil service commission and transferred to the Post Office Department May 1, 1891, again taking a position in the office of the second assistant postmaster general, where he has remained ever since.

He was promoted to a salary of \$1,200 August 13, 1891; to \$1,400 July 1, 1892; to \$1,600 May 23, 1893; to assistant superintendent of the railway mail adjustment division at \$2,000 July 1, 1902, and to chief of the railway mail adjustment division at \$2,300 June 19, 1907.

Gets Rapid Promotions.

His salary was increased by law while he was assistant superintendent to \$2,250, and while he was chief of the railway mail adjustment division to \$3,000, the latter part of July 1 of this year.

Mr. Stewart is a gentleman of quiet and unassuming personality, and has always been regarded as a painstaking and efficient clerk.

He has been admitted to practice before the federal courts and is a lawyer by profession.

His appointment, while coming as a surprise, is regarded in the department as an excellent one and well deserved.

BANKERS AT DENVER.

Sectional Meetings Precede Main Gathering of Wednesday.

DENVER, September 28.—Although the sessions of the American Bankers Association proper, which meets here in thirty-fourth annual convention, will not commence until Wednesday morning, sectional meetings began today.

At 10 o'clock this morning the savings bank section, of which Lucius Peter of Chicago is president, met in the Brown Palace Hotel. This afternoon President August Blum of Chicago called to order in the Brown Palace Hotel the clearing house section.

After prayer by Rev. Louis A. Banks, W. F. Havens of Denver welcomed the delegates to the savings bank section. This was followed by the annual address of the president, reports of the secretaries and the clearing house section.

One of the most important committee reports was that on postal savings banks. Open discussion followed this report.

In the clearing house section committee reports, following which action was had on the recommendation of the executive committee. Several formal addresses were delivered at this meeting and general discussion had on the suggestion offered in responses to the call of cities.

Both the savings bank and clearing house sections elected and installed new officers before adjourning.

STRIKERS REJECT WAGE DEAL.

Paper Mill Employes Refuse to Return to Work.

BOSTON, September 28.—The employes of the International Paper Company in New England today refused to return to work in the various mills of the company in Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire under a 5 per cent wage reduction, denying the right of the president of their national union to accept for them the lower rate. The workmen, who are members of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers, have been on strike for several weeks, because of a notice that their wages would be reduced 10 per cent.

Officials of the company had conferences with officials of the International Union, and last week President Carey of the Brotherhood notified the local unions that the union's officers had accepted a compromise proposition and that the strikers would return to work under a wage cut of 5 per cent.

This the strikers, however, refused to do, claiming that President Carey had no right to bind them to return to work until the local unions had been given an opportunity of accepting or rejecting the compromise offer.

Rich Cargo From the Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 28.—The steamer Korea, which arrived yesterday from the Orient, had included in her cargo raw silk valued at \$2,000,000 and optimum valued at \$500,000. Among the Korea's passengers were H. B. Miller, American consul general at Yokohama, and former Gov. Carter of Hawaii.

Caleb Powers Baptized.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., September 28.—Caleb Powers, the Kentuckian who spent eight years in the Kentucky penitentiary in connection with the Goebel assassination case before being pardoned by Gov. Wilson, was baptized into the Baptist Church at Jellico last night in the presence of 500 persons.



TAFT HAS A VOICE ONCE MORE

IS SPENDING ALL OF TODAY IN MINNESOTA.

Then to North Dakota, Where Scowling Party Factions Anxiously Await His Arrival.

SAUK CENTER, Minn., September 28.—With his voice once more resonant and all suggestions of hoarseness gone, Judge Taft made the first of the dozen or more speeches he is to deliver today shortly after 7 o'clock this morning at St. Cloud, Minn., in which state the greater part of the day is to be spent.

North Dakota, where there has been republican trouble over the senatorship, will be reached before night, and already the Taft special is carrying the representatives of the two factions, headed by Senators Hansbrough and McCumber. The senators are each anxious to exhibit friendliness for the candidate.

At Fargo tonight there is to be a big rally and barbecue, the feast to consist of two bears, ten steers and twenty lambs. Excursion trains are to run to Fargo from a distance of 450 miles and fourteen bands are to be in line of the big parade.

At St. Cloud Mr. Taft spoke on the labor question, saying, with a tinge of sarcasm, that he believed a few crumbs from the Gompers table would fall to him, as he did not believe that Gompers could deliver, as he had said he should, the entire labor vote of the country. The record of the two parties was then reviewed briefly and the conclusion drawn that the republican and not the democratic party had been the party of real action in behalf of the laboring man.

ROBBERS GET RICH LOOT.

Band Holds Up Train Near Vilna, Russia—Guards Shot.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 28.—A successful train robbery has been executed by a band of thirty men near Vilna. No definite statement of the exact amount of the booty has yet been made, but it is estimated to vary between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

In addition to this money there was on board the train valuable registered correspondence and the day's receipts from all the railroad stations between the frontier and Vilna. The guard on board the train consisted of six men only.

The robbers took possession of a small station before the arrival of the train and shot down the train guards as the engine slowed up. They kept up a constant fusillade during the robbery to intimidate the passengers, a number of whom were wounded by broken glass.

PITTSBURG CELEBRATING.

150th Birthday Anniversary Begun Today.

PITTSBURG, September 28.—With the firing of the national, colonial and sequentennial salutes by Battery B, National Guard of Pennsylvania, stationed on Mount Washington, overlooking the city, the blowing of thousands of whistles of the mills, factories, railroads and steamboats, and the riding of herds through the city, blowing trumpets, the 150th birthday party of Pittsburgh, which will be celebrated throughout the week, was officially begun this morning at 9 o'clock.

The program of the celebration today is brief. This afternoon the Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate a tablet to George Washington at the blockhouse—Fort Duquesne. Addresses will be made by Mayor Guthrie and Samuel Harden Church.

Tonight the official reception by Mayor Guthrie and council to distinguished guests at the Duquesne Gardens will be held.

Contraband Seizure at Tiflis.

TIFLIS, September 28.—A warehouse stocked with arms for the revolutionists has been located in a subterranean passage on the edge of the town. The police raided the place seized several tons of explosives, stacks and cases of rifles and pistols and 150 primed bombs.

BIG DROP IN TEMPERATURE

FROST FOLLOWS STORM OF WIND AND RAIN.

Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha and Southwest Points Report Near Freezing Weather.

CHICAGO, September 28.—A drop of more than thirty degrees in temperature occurred during last night, following a storm of wind and rain. At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the mercury stood at 50 degrees. In the evening at 8 o'clock it had dropped to 50 degrees. Early today it stood at 47 degrees.

ST. PAUL, September 28.—With a temperature of only 3 degrees above freezing, St. Paul people shivered and huddled near steam radiators today, having been caught unprepared for a sudden drop from 84 degrees above on Friday.

Snow Reported.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., September 28.—A heavy frost fell throughout this part of the country last night and the mercury here dropped to 37 degrees. A few scattering snowflakes were seen yesterday.

OMAHA, Neb., September 28.—A killing frost is reported from all points north of here. At Omaha a light frost occurred in the morning.

RIDE THROUGH THE MUD.

Another Party of Army Officers Starts on Test Jaunt.

Fourteen army officers started from Fort Meyer, Va., this morning to ride through the mud and mire of Virginia to the camp established at Gum Springs, thirty miles away. The cavalcade was led by Col. Joseph W. Duncan, 6th Infantry, of the general staff, and it included also Lieut. Col. Benjamin Alvord and Charles McClure, adjutants general; Lieut. Col. Albert Todd and R. K. Evans of the general staff, Maj. W. D. McCaw of the Medical Corps, Maj. George F. Downey of the pay department, Maj. George O. Spuler, Ordnance Corps, Maj. David S. Stanley of the quartermaster's department, Maj. John T. Thompson of the ordnance department, Maj. B. F. Cheatham of the quartermaster's department, Maj. J. J. Morrow, Engineer Commissioner of the District; Maj. W. G. Haan, Coast Artillery Corps, and Maj. C. E. Dentler of the 23d Infantry. Gen. W. W. Wotherspoon, president of the Army War College, was to have had charge of this party, but was taken ill a few days ago and was prevented from going.

If the party survives the rain and mud of today it will repeat the performance tomorrow and Wednesday in order to cover the prescribed ninety miles in three days.

The complaint is based upon a certain alleged contract between the Creamery Package Company and other creamery supply houses which, it is alleged, means the ultimate absorption of these concerns by the Creamery Package Company and the formation of a combination in restraint of trade.

Town Practically Wiped Out.

VASSAR, Mich., September 28.—Bach, a small station on the Michigan Central railroad north of Caro, was practically wiped out by fire last night. The railway station, sawmills and lumber yards burned first and then the fire spread to the residences in the village. At last reports the fire was still raging.

Broke Auto Race Record.

MONTREAL, Quebec, September 28.—In the automobile races at Deloraine Park, Christie, in a 130-horsepower machine, broke the Canadian mile record for half-mile tracks, doing the distance in 1.10.

JIM SHERMAN FALLS IN LINE

OPENS MIDDLE WEST CAMPAIGN TOUR IN CHICAGO.

Speaks at Hamilton Club Rally Tonight—Nicholas Longworth to Help Him Out.

CHICAGO, September 28.—James S. Sherman, republican vice presidential nominee, today at luncheon at the Hamilton Club, informally opened the campaign that he will conduct through the middle west during the coming fortnight. Mr. Sherman, who is a graduate of Hamilton College, was the guest of honor at the luncheon which was tendered to him by the club members. Marquis Eaton, the president of the club, presided. There was no formal speech-making, the affair being more of the character of a reunion of the college alumni, affording them an opportunity to greet Mr. Sherman.

Earlier in the day the candidate visited the republican national and congressional headquarters and talked over the situation in Illinois and adjoining states. Mr. Sherman expressed himself as well pleased with the prospects, and said he was enthusiastic regarding his coming tour.

Tonight Mr. Sherman will be the principal speaker at the Hamilton Club rally at Orchestra Hall. Following that meeting he will address a gathering of negro voters at Bethel Chapel. At the banquet Representative Nicholas Longworth, who, with Mrs. Longworth, arrived here today, will also deliver an address.

BRYAN IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

Still Talking About Issue "Shall the People Rule."

SIOUX FALLS, September 28.—William J. Bryan opened the fourth week of his present tour by a renewal of his criticisms of Mr. Taft and the republican platform.

A big crowd waited at the station a long time for the belated train bringing in the distinguished Nebraskan, and when he made his appearance they sent up a series of loud cheers. Mounting a truck near the station, Mr. Bryan at once got the attention of his audience.

"I am glad to be here again," he said, "because you in this great western state have been studying public questions for a long while, and you saw here before they did in some other parts of the country the tendencies of our government, and you tried as best you could to correct them."

He briefly discussed the issue, "Shall the people rule," and taking up the subject of the trusts, publicity of campaign contributions and election of senators by direct vote, denounced the republican party and more particularly Mr. Taft, on his attitude on these questions.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT'S PLANS.

Will Enter Big Carpet Factory at Hartford, Conn.

HARTFORD, Conn., September 28.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who will enter the employ of the Hartford Carpet Company in Thompsonville October 1, visited here today as the guest of A. D. Higgins, president of the concern. He spent several hours going over the plant and insisted on seeing the carpet-making in its first stages. On going away he said that if other arrangements could be broken he would return.

Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Higgins frequently met when Mr. Roosevelt was police commissioner of New York. The young man will do clerical work in the office for a time and later will enter the wool room and advance from one department to another until he has learned the art of manufacturing carpets. He will live at the home of Mr. Higgins for the present.

Much baggage and a hunting outfit are awaiting Mr. Roosevelt's arrival.

Chicago to Hear Chaffin and Watkins

CHICAGO, September 28.—The standard bearers of the prohibition party, Chaffin and Watkins, each will spend a day in Chicago. Chaffin will be in the city tomorrow and last night by Charles R. Jones, national chairman of the prohibition party. Mr. Chaffin will address a noon-day meeting in the chapel of the Northwestern University October 13. Mr. Watkins, vice presidential candidate, will be here October 4, when he will make two speeches.

BATTLE UNDER SEA

Giant Devil Fish Attacks Diver Martin Lund.

HIDDEN IN VESSEL'S HOLD

He Attacks It With Ax and Knife.

DEATH STRUGGLE TERRIBLE

Saves Himself, But Is Nearly Dead From Exhaustion—Resting in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 28.—Wrapped in the tentacles of a giant devil fish, Martin Lund, a diver employed by the coast wrecking company, fought for his life in the hold of the wrecked steamer Pomona, which lies in thirty feet of water in Fort Ross cove off the Marin county coast.

Lund arrived in this city yesterday after an experience which comes to few men and will enjoy a vacation before again donning divers' dress.

The devil fish had evidently entered the vessel's hold during the night and Lund was at work some time before he became aware of its presence. A giant tentacle four inches in diameter first gripped one leg.

Before Lund could realize what had happened another encircled his thigh.

Chopped Frantically.

The diver began to chop frantically at the rubber-like bonds with an ax and at the same time signaled to the barge above that he wished to ascend. Unable to free himself in time, two more tentacles squirmed out of the darkness and one twined about his neck.

The efforts of the men on the surface to comply with his signal threatened to pull his helmet off, and he was forced to signal them to desist.

With only his left arm free he hacked at the tentacles until they were partially crippled, but he was being drawn toward the deadly beak, when he saw the outline of the devil fish's body.

Plunged Knife Into Head.

Plunging suddenly toward it, he drove his knife with all his strength into the head, repeating the blow until he had slashed it into sections.

In its death throes the octopus tightened its tentacles until the diver was almost crushed in its embrace.

Lund then cut himself free and was brought to the surface in a fainting condition. Another diver brought some of the severed tentacles to the surface, and it is hoped to raise the body and bring it to this city for exhibition.

OFFICERS FACE NEW PROBLEM.

Wealthy Hongkong Resident Wants to Land With Two Wives.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 28.—The immigration officers of this port encountered a new problem with the arrival of the Pacific Mail liner Korea from the Orient yesterday when Robert H. Bosman, a wealthy resident of Hongkong, who was one of the vessel's passengers, desired to land accompanied by two wives. Mr. Bosman frankly confessed that he believes in plural marriage. The trio, with their children, the issue of Bosman's marriage with one of the wives now with him, are detained aboard the Korea until the immigration officials decide what shall be done in the matter.

Bosman is reputed to be several times a millionaire, and is one of the most prominent land owners of Hongkong. He is a Eurasian, his father having been of English birth while his mother was a Chinese.

AUTO VICTIM DYING.

Sequel to Touring Car Accident in Massachusetts Town.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

WORCESTER, Mass., September 28.—Edward F. Zesky of Chicago is dying today at Pittsfield as the result of an accident to the big touring car of Mrs. Henry G. Dibble of Chicago, daughter of the late millionaire Marshall Field. He is at Hill Crest Hospital, and no hopes are entertained for him. Two others narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

In the car with Zesky at the time were Miss Mary Lenox and Frederick Hallen, also of Chicago. At a sharp corner in the "Shaker" village the car suddenly ran wild, went through a fence down a twenty-foot embankment and turned completely over. Hallen and Miss Lenox were pinned under the tonneau and escaped was miraculous. Zesky was ejected out heavily. He has brain concussion and a fracture of the skull.

BACK FROM THE WILD.

Thomas Fleming Emerges From a Quarter-Century Exile.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 28.—After a quarter of a century spent in voluntary exile in the South seas, Thomas Fleming, the original of Stevenson's character, "The Wild Scotchman," arrived here yesterday on the schooner Aerotas and today, arrayed in garments of a fashion he had scarcely seen before, he proceeded to get acquainted with electric cars and other evidences of an advancing civilization.

Fleming is a trading agent at Arne Island, one of the Marshall group, located 120 miles from the nearest civilized neighborhood. When a boy of fifteen, he left his home in Paisley, Scotland, to sail the seas, and eventually he settled at Arne, where he has remained for twenty-five years. He made the acquaintance of Robert Louis Stevenson years ago when the author visited the island.

Fleming was accompanied by his wife. He has announced his determination to return when he shall have tired of sight-seeing, saying: "Perhaps the life out there is lonely, but somehow it gets into a man's blood and he stays there."

Killed by a Fall.

HARRISBURG, Pa., September 28.—Samuel J. Davis, Jr., a traveling salesman from Stanhope, N. J., died at the Harrisburg Hospital. He was found Saturday night at a culvert near Conewago by a track walker for the Pennsylvania railroad, and is supposed to have fallen a distance of thirty feet. His skull was fractured.

VOTERS ALL ON TIPTOE

N. O. M. Chases Old General Apathy to the Woods.

BRICKBATS IN THE AIR

Whirlwind Campaign From Now on in Every State.

PERSONALITIES, NOT POLICIES

Read a Real Readable Review of Conditions in the Agitated But Hopeful Middle West.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, September 28.—Politicians in this section are so busy standing by and watching the heads of three political parties throwing brickbats and calling one another names that they are almost forgetting to pay attention to their own affairs.

The remarkable spectacle which the country is witnessing in the exchange of personalities and which is attracting profound attention and constant comment has served one purpose, however, in arousing the voters from the state of apathy of which the leaders were complaining and causing them to sit up and take notice of the fact that a campaign is on.

There can be hardly any question but that the voters are now aware there is something doing in politics. With the leaders the question is how much this campaign of personalities and startling revelations is going to affect party lines and upset calculations. The whole middle west is in a ferment. Men are stirred as they never were stirred before, but they have not made up their minds yet what they ought to do about it all.

You gather from the ordinary conversation with the rank and file of men of all classes that they are taking sides pretty generally according to their party affiliations. Democrats think Mr. Bryan is burning and the President every time he comes out with a statement, and republicans think Mr. Roosevelt eats Mr. Bryan alive every time he answers. And there you are.

Voters Are Real Stirred Up.

So the best you can figure out is that the net result will probably be to enliven interest in the voters in both parties, stir them to renewed activity and keep the political pot boiling to the last moment. It will be a whirlwind campaign from now on in every state, with things happening so rapidly in so many places at the same time that it makes one's head swim if you are trying to keep an eye on the performance. It is worse than a three-ring circus.

Taking the reports which come to us here from all this middle west, gauging them, sifting them, weighing them, balancing one against the other; trying to keep one's head and not get too over-optimistic, it appears at this time that the republicans are in better shape in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota than they were a year ago. They are probably worse off in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, well, put it in the Bryan column for the present, and let it go at that.

That was a good job Mr. Taft did in Iowa. We did not know until we got out here that things were so uncertain in Iowa. Mr. Taft's campaign in Iowa, Mr. Taft, representing the republicans, had been saying that Iowa would go for Taft by 50,000 and 40,000, respectively. In the election of Senator Allison, Bryan jointly would get the republican lion's share of the vote, and let it go at that.

Big Bill Hugged 'Em All.

He has done so in fine shape. He just opened his arms and took them all into one big, friendly embrace. To be sure, while they snuggled close, they had their knives behind them and looked daggers at each other, saying "Just wait until I get you out alone." But the main point is they do not intend to let their family rows affect the national ticket.

In Minnesota Mr. Taft has brought the republicans into a calm mood. They have been up in the air on account of the mutterings of their own radical vote, and it was feared that Gov. Johnson and Bryan jointly would get the republican sheepfold and drive off a few choice flecks.

What was needed was that the administration should make a strong, strong declaration in favor of its radical policies and this Mr. Taft did. The effect is expected to be that the republican will now be pacified and with this possible defection guarded against, the leaders do not think the state will give its electoral vote to Bryan.

There is possibility that Johnson will carry the governorship. That has been admitted by all fair-minded observers from the outset. Johnson was not changed. It is well understood, of course, that his birth and race figure in this prospect, and indeed dominate it. But the foreign vote may be divided, since the republican candidate is himself a foreigner, a Norwegian, as against Johnson, the Swede.

La Follette Says He'll Behave.

Wisconsin I have told you about. The main question was whether the La Follette radicals would secretly cut the ticket and he has given assurance amply that they will not. Now, on our second trip through the state this time with the Bryan party some democrats who board the train said that too much confidence could not be put in this assurance from the fact that in their opinion, judging from the expressions of their neighbors, Senator La Follette cannot hold his following; that he has been teaching them their radical lessons, and he cannot "unlearn" them in one breath.

The republican leaders who are trying to get a line on the real situation are not concerned over this assurance. That was Mr. Taft's home town. In the county which contributes a large proportion of